

## CONSULS

*Convention signed at Washington April 30, 1852*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification August 30, 1852*

*Ratified by the President of the United States September 24, 1852*

*Ratified by Lubeck November 24, 1852, by Hamburg December 17, 1852, and by Bremen January 5, 1853*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington February 25, 1853*

*Entered into force February 25, 1853*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States June 6, 1853*

*Obsolete*

10 Stat. 961 ; Treaty Series 159 <sup>1</sup>

### CONVENTION FOR THE MUTUAL EXTENSION OF THE JURISDICTION OF CONSULS, BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE FREE AND HANSEATIC REPUBLICS OF HAMBURG, BREMEN AND LUBECK

The United States of America and the Free and Hanseatic Republics of Hamburg, Bremen and Lubeck, having agreed to extend, in certain cases, the jurisdiction of their respective Consuls, and to increase the powers granted to said Consuls by existing Treaty-Stipulations,—have named for this purpose, as their respective Plenipotentiaries to wit: the President of the United States of America, Daniel Webster, Secretary of State of the United States—and the Senate of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, the Senate of the Free and Hanseatic City of Bremen and the Senate of the Free and Hanseatic City of Lubeck—Albert Schumacher, Consul General of Hamburg and Bremen in the United States—who, having exchanged their full Powers, found in due and proper form, have agreed to, and signed the following articles:

#### ARTICLE I

The Consuls, Vice Consuls, commercial and vice-commercial agents of each of the high contracting parties shall have the right, as such, to sit as judges and arbitrators in such differences as may arise between the masters and crews of the vessels belonging to the nation whose interests are committed to their charge, without the interference of the local authorities, unless the conduct of the crews or of the master should disturb the order or tran-

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<sup>1</sup> For a detailed study of this convention, see 5 Miller 1055.

quillity of the country; or the said Consuls, Vice Consuls, commercial agents or vice-commercial agents should require their assistance in executing or supporting their own decisions. But this species of judgment or arbitration shall not deprive the contending parties of the right they have to resort, on their return, to the judicial authority of their own country.

## ARTICLE II

The present Convention shall be in force for the term of twelve years, from the day of its ratifications; and further until the end of twelve months, after the Government of the United States on the one part, or the Free and Hanseatic Republics of Hamburg, Bremen or Lubeck, or either of them, on the other part, shall have given notice of their intention to terminate the same; each of the contracting parties reserving to itself the right of giving such notice to the other, at the end of the said term of twelve years;—and it is hereby agreed, that, at the expiration of twelve months after such notice shall have been received by either of the parties from the other, this Convention and all the provisions thereof, shall altogether cease and determine, as far as regards the States giving and receiving such notice; it being always understood and agreed, that, if one or more of the Free and Hanseatic Republics aforesaid, shall, at the expiration of twelve years from the date of the ratification of the Convention, give or receive notice of the termination of the same—it shall, nevertheless, remain in full force and operation, as far as regards the remaining Free and Hanseatic Republics or Republic, which may not have given or received such notice.

## ARTICLE III

This Convention is concluded subject to the ratification of the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof,—and by the Senates of the Free and Hanseatic Republics of Hamburg, Bremen and Lubeck; and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington within twelve months, from the date hereof, or sooner if possible.

In witness whereof, the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the above articles, as well in German as in English, and have thereto affixed their seals.

Done, in quadruplicate, at the City of Washington, on the thirtieth day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty two, in the seventy sixth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

DAN <sup>1</sup> WEBSTER	[SEAL]
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